

# **IURC Announcement**

## **Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**

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### **Public Assistance Available through FEMA for Qualifying Utilities**

*Infrastructure repair now available for 26 Indiana counties*

**INDIANAPOLIS** – Due to severe storms and flooding, a number of utilities in Indiana counties may qualify for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program.

Under the Public Assistance (PA) Program, FEMA provides supplemental aid to states, communities and certain private non profit organizations (PNPs) to help them recover from disasters as quickly as possible.

The program provides assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures and permanent restoration of infrastructure. The Federal share of these expenses typically cannot be less than 75 percent of eligible costs.

Qualifying PNPs are those that provide education, medical, custodial care, emergency, utility, certain irrigation facilities and other essential or critical governmental services.

Critical services are defined as those providing power, water, sewer, wastewater treatment, communications, education and emergency medical, fire protection and emergency services. PNPs that provide critical services apply to FEMA through the State for permanent repair and restoration assistance.

Permanent work is that which is required to restore a damaged facility, through repair or restoration, to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity in accordance with applicable codes or standards.

While FEMA may provide assistance for restoration of damaged utilities, FEMA does not provide assistance for increased operating expenses resulting from a disaster or for revenue lost if a utility is shut down. However, the cost of establishing temporary emergency services in the event of a utility shut-down may be eligible (e.g., providing a temporary sewage facility). Please see applicant briefing schedule below. *Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency's "Public Assistance Guide"*

For more information about the Public Assistance Grant Program, please visit FEMA's Web site: <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/index.shtm>.

Other sites providing useful information include:

Family & Social Services Administration: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/>

State of Indiana Disaster Assistance Locations: <http://www.in.gov/gov/3775.htm>

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*The Commission is a fact-finding body that hears evidence in cases filed before it and makes decisions based on the evidence presented in those cases. An advocate of neither the public nor the utilities, the IURC is required by state statute to make decisions that balance the interests of all parties to ensure the utilities provide adequate and reliable service at reasonable prices.*

**DR 1766 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**  
**APPLICANT BRIEFING SCHEDULE**  
 JUNE 26-30

DATE	COUNTY LOCATION	ADDRESS	INSTRUCTIONS
THUR 6/26/2008 9:00AM EDT	<b>MORGAN</b>	MARTINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM 1360 EAST GRAY STREET MARTINSVILLE IN	Go to front of bldg with flagpole Auditorium is directly south (Can't get to HS from SR37)
THUR 6/26/2008 2:00PM EDT	<b>BARTHOLOMEW</b>	CITY HALL 123 WASHINGTON ST COLUMBUS	Parking behind City Hall and across street in County Employees lot
FRI 6/27/2008 10:00 AM EDT	<b>HANCOCK</b>	DOE CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL 2279 SOUTH 600 WEST (MOUNT COMFORT RD) NEW PALESTINE	From North: Take I70 to Mount Comfort exit. Go south on Mt Comfort Rd (600W) for approx 5 miles. School is east side of rd From South: From US 52 take Mt Comfort Rd north approx 2 miles. School is on east side
FRI 6/27/2008 2:00 PM EDT	<b>JOHNSON</b>	FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM 2600 CUMBERLAND DRIVE FRANKLIN	Enter the building at door 55
SAT 6/28/2008 10:00 AM EDT	<b>MONROE</b>	BLOOMINGTON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM 3901 NORTH KINSER PIKE BLOOMINGTON	

MON  
6/30/2008  
10:00 AM EDT

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MON  
6/30/2008  
2:00 PM EDT

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4700 SOUTH STATE ROAD 46  
TERRE HAUTE

I70 AT 46 EXIT 11. Look for large signs